

Update: Appeals on State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Determination

The vision, goals and policies of all Neighborhood Plans are part of [Seattle's Comprehensive Plan](#), the city-wide document that guides the city's actions to accommodate growth. One step in the Neighborhood Plan Update process is to incorporate new or updated goals and policies for each Neighborhood Plan into the Comprehensive Plan – this makes the policies an official piece of city policy. The Executive and Council planned to make amendments to the Comprehensive Plan for each of the three neighborhoods we have been working in – North Beacon Hill, North Rainier and Othello in 2010.

However, in February, residents filed an appeal to those amendments as part of the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). The Hearing Examiner is currently considering the appeals, during which time the Council will not take action to incorporate the proposed goals and policies into the Comprehensive Plan. The next opportunity to update the Comprehensive Plan will be in 2011. In the meantime, Councilmembers will continue to work with city departments and residents in to create action plans to execute each of the neighborhood plans.